

## A HORRIBLE BUTCHERY

David Spragg Murders His Family.

CUT THE CHILDREN'S THROATS

When His Wife Interfered He Hacked Her Head and Face Into Slices.

Kingman, Mo., December 11.—A horrible butchery occurred here this afternoon. David O. Spragg murdered his wife and two children, mortally wounded two step-children, then committed suicide. A witness to the crimes was Doris Onstatt, the 11-year-old step-daughter of Spragg, who escaped from the insane monster and gave the alarm to the neighbors. Spragg, who had been seized, set his son Caley, aged 6, tied his hands behind him and deliberately cut him throat with a butcher knife. His wife entered the room and tried to interfere. Spragg chased her around the house, caught her, and despite her struggles hacked her head and face into slices, and almost severed her head from her body. Albert, aged 4, was seized, his throat cut and his brains dashed over the furniture. Doris escaped and returned with a shotgun, Spragg took his gun and cut the throats of the two step-children and then shot himself. Spragg was found dead, with his face and hands spattered with the blood and brains of his victims. Two step-children are still living, but cannot recover.

## FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

The Railroad Pooling Bill Passed by the House.

Washington, December 11.—The struggle in the house over the bill to authorize railroad pooling terminated today by the passage of the bill by the decisive vote of 161 to 110. The Cooper substitute, which placed entire control of the conditions of pooling in the hands of the inter-state commission and gave absolute power in the matter of revoking pooling orders, was defeated, as were all subsequent efforts to amend and recommit it, and the bill passed as reported from the committee. Several attempts were made to defeat the bill by filibustering, but they were also unsuccessful.

SENATE.

Consideration of the Nicaragua Canal bill was continued in the senate today. Senator Doolittle made a long speech in favor of the bill, in the course of which he advocated the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

The venerable senator from Vermont, Morrill, made some remarks, in which he criticized the currency inflation bills reported adversely from the finance committee.

The day closed with an executive session, in which a large number of nominations were confirmed.

## A BOLD ROBBERY.

A Burglar Gets \$495 Out of a Stocking.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Mr. and Mrs. William E. Brown, who arrived here last week from Portland and were enroute to Europe, were robbed of \$105 this afternoon by a most daring burglar. The robber wore a badge and claimed to be a detective. He entered their apartment on O'Farrell street while Mrs. Brown was alone and after accusing the woman and her husband of complicity in a recent robbery, compelled them to strip them. The burglar then stole money in his pocket. He charged that it had been stolen and after frightening Mrs. Brown into a condition of helpless terror, he boldly walked out of the house.

## MILESIS'S BODY FOUND.

Shot in the Back of the Head and His Brains Beaten Out.

MADISON, December 11.—The remains of Pasquale Milesi, who disappeared about a month ago, were found near his cabin in the mountains yesterday. He had been shot in the back of the head, and then his brains beaten out with the butt end of a gun or some other instrument. Wild animals had no prey on the body that it was almost unrecognizable. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

## The State Veterinary Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 12.—The California state veterinary association met here today with a large attendance. Several interesting papers were read and the following officers elected: President, G. B. Orton; Stockton; vice president, H. T. Whittlesey, Los Angeles; secretary, R. A. Archibald, Sacramento; treasurer, D. F. Fox, Sacramento; board of examiners, Drs. MacLay, Egan, Spencer, Lemcke and Graham. The association will meet next year at San Jose.

## A Rough Experience.

SOMER HAVEN, Mich., December 11.—Robert Webster, a farmer, set fire to his barn today. Eugene Heasy, a neighbor, discovered the fire and liberated the horses. Then Webster's house took fire. Webster's wife, Henry, and the family escaped the house, set oil, and it on fire and was burned to death in his own house. Heasy's ears are shot clearly out, his nose shot off, one side of his face shot off, and his scalp is full of shot, but he will recover.

Defaulter Seeley Caught.

NEW YORK, December 11.—President Crain of the Shoe and Leather Bank has left for Chicago where Seeley, the book-keeper who got away with \$350,000, is under arrest. McFarland, the young man who informed the police of Seeley's identity, is not to be found. He says he has become acquainted with Seeley on the street and went to the races with him. Seeley then told him who he was. Seeley says he will make no trouble about going back to New York.

## Will Teach Veterinary Surgery.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—At the monthly meeting of the board of regents of the university of California, held today, the board decided favorably for the admission of the San Francisco veterinary college to the university and thereafter veterinary surgery will be one of the studies at this college.

## BUDD INTERVIEWED.

The Prospects of a Contest Changes His Plans.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Governor-elect Budd arrived here from Stockton today and was in consultation with his friends in reference to the attempt of the Republicans to prevent his being declared governor. Said Mr. Budd: "I believe that I have been elected governor by the people of the state. If I have not been elected I do not want to be governor. But I shall not be cheated out of what the voters have given me. It was my intention to make a tour of the institutions of the state so that I might know by actual experience and observation what reforms were needed and where extravagance could be checked. But this attempt to prevent my inauguration necessarily changes my plan. I will now be obliged to remain here until it is definitely known what Mr. Cornwall intends to do. There is no doubt in my mind but that I will be inaugurated governor. I can safely trust that to the people of the state, both Democrats and Republicans."

## BIMETALISM AND PROTECTION

Two Notable Speeches at a Banquet in Denver.

DENVER, December 11.—Two notable speeches on bimetallism were made tonight at the banquet of the Denver Manufacturers' Exchange. David Holman of England, speaking to the club: "Bimetallism and Wage Farmers," said: "If silver is restored to its former position it will revive trade and commerce the world over. Public opinion in England has grown rapidly on the subject and bimetallism will be an important factor in the next British general election in 1893."

Hon. Wharton Barker, speaking on bimetallism and manufacturers, said: "The opposition to bimetallism comes from the money lenders. The proposed plan of bank currency in Cleveland's message should be opposed by every citizen who has the welfare of the people at heart. The road to American prosperity is bimetallism and protection."

## THE ROSCOE ROBBERY

ALVA JOHNSON AND KID THOMPSON DID IT.

Johnson has Confessed to Both Robberies in the Hope of Saving His Neck.

Los ANGELES, December 11.—Alva Johnson has confessed to complicity in both Roscoe robberies. It is probable that he will enter a plea of guilty in the superior court tomorrow. His confession implicates Kid Thompson, who is also at present in jail awaiting trial on charges connecting him with both robberies. The details of the confession have not yet been made public, but it is understood that it was brought about through the medium of his relatives, who persuaded him to confess in hope of saving him from the gallows. Detectives worked on Johnson's relatives night and day for several weeks before the desired result was brought about.

It has all along been conjectured that there was a third party connected with the robberies, but Johnson declares there was no one connected with the crimes beside Thompson and himself.

COUNTERFEITERS SURPRISED

A Gang Unearthed in Oklahoma by Officers.

GURNEY, O. T., December 11.—A squad of deputy United States marshals have unearthed a ring of counterfeiters near this place, who had confederates in Indiana, Missouri and other states. The counterfeiters were captured in an underground cavern used as a mint and rendezvous. The officers located the cavern, traversing a subterranean passage 100 yards, burst in the door and covered twenty-five men with Winchester. The counterfeiters, taken by surprise, did not show fight, but all escaped through hidden exits. Five leaders of the gang had been forced to enter the cavern. Three buckets of counterfeit dollars and two boxes of quarters, dimes and nickels, together with molds and implements were secured. The coins were perfectly made. The counterfeiters had been going on eight months. The prisoners are well educated. One had been employed in the Philadelphia mint.

BALDWIN'S HORSES Withdrawn.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Lucky Baldwin is evidently not satisfied with the manner in which his trainer, William Brien, has been treated by the California Jockey Club. Brien was warned from the track for repeated crookedness, and the third proof of malversation was obtained. Now Baldwin announces that he has confidence in Brien's integrity and that he will retain him in his employ. Baldwin also says that it is his intention to remove his crack race horses from the Bay District track. Consequently Rey El Santa Anita will not start in the big \$10,000 stake race in which he was entered. Sister Mary, the great race mare which is training in Baldwin's stable, will also be taken from the track.

## An Absurd Report.

WOODLAND, December 11.—Four more jockeys to try the Appelbaum case were obtained today. The report that the racing company has agreed not to prosecute Knob, Compton and Muller, members of the strikers' mediation committee, is declared to be absurd by all the parties connected with the case.

## Election Officer Bound Over.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—M. J. Gordon, one of the judges of election in the sixteenth precinct of the Thirty-first Assembly district, was bound over on a felony charge by Judge Wallace today for having violated the purity of election law in refusing to sign the returns of his precinct.

## Temporary Appointment.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—Justice of the supreme court has appointed temporarily, Samuel Knight as United States attorney for the Northern District of California.

## Murderer Craig Goes to Folsom.

LOS ANGELES, December 11.—John Craig, the triple murderer, left today in charge of an officer for Folsom, where he will be executed February 10th next.

## PATIENTS TORTURED

In the Westminster Insane Asylum.

## BEATEN WITH STRAP AND BUCKLE

And Ducked in a Tank Filled With Water for Trivial Offenses.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—The commission appointed to investigate the conduct of the Westminster insane asylum has made its report. The commission found that a terrible state of affairs existed in the asylum. The inmates were completely terrified, and all refused to testify until they had been repeatedly assured that they would be protected from punishment. Then they told how they had been tortured. In the cellar of the asylum was found a large tank filled with water. In this the patients were ducked until nearly drowned for the most trivial offenses, such as talking at night or making a noise in their rooms. They were also beaten with strap and buckle, and many of them showed wounds which were the effects of their punishment. A complete change and reorganization of the management of the asylum will result from the investigation.

Asphaltum and Peat for Fuel.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Rich and Co. of Boston, who is here, has discovered a plan for manufacturing fuel out of a combination of asphaltum and peat. In Mexico fuel is very expensive, and successful experiments of Co.'s fuel having been made before President Diaz and other dignitaries, several Mexican corporations have taken contracts to take large quantities of the fuel for a term of years. In Mexico fuel is expensive.

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SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Six furlongs—Ethel Dixon, Mainstay, Playful, Time, 1:23. Six furlongs—Monrovia, Chartreuse, Fincilla, Time, 1:23. Seven furlongs—Sligo, Whitestone, Ravine, Time, 1:38. Six furlongs—Obed, Doctader, Goldbug, Time, 1:39.

The Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Wheat, easier; May, \$1.01 1/2. Barley—No trading. Corn—\$1.25. Bran—\$13.50 per ton.

## SIEGE OF EARTHQUAKE

An Island Village Swept Into the Sea.

## SIXTY-THREE DISTINCT SHOCKS

As far as learned Seventy-Five People Have Been Killed.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 11.—The Australian steamer Warrion brings the startling news that the Majority Island, in the New Hebrides group, passed through a siege of earthquake and volcanic disturbances threatening the existence of the islands. On Antrim island, celebrated for coffee, the entire village slipped into the sea, drowning fifty natives, fatalities in other villages increasing the death to seventy-five. An earthquake on November 2d opened a new crater for the volcano on Ambrym island, shaking the island to its foundations.

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GROWERS MUST ORGANIZE

And now the Chicago and New York jobbers in California fruits have organized a trust, and are going to exclude all buyers from the auction rooms who do not belong to the combination.

There can be but one meaning in this action. It is a plain declaration that the jobbers intend to fix the prices of fruit so that there will be more in it for themselves. Open competition in the auction rooms results, evidently, in arranging their schemes for deceiving the growers, to the extent which is desirable to them, and they propose to eliminate all competition that is not governed by their dictation. When the market justifies it the producer will be allowed to make a certain per cent of profit, and no more. The jobbers will virtually fix the prices and divide the proceeds.

Under such conditions the grower must either take decisive action or become a menial of the speculator—a carpet for his game without other hope of reward than that which the dealer may be fit to bestow upon him. Under such a regime an active market or a reduction in rates of transportation would be merely to the advantage of the trust at the other end of the line, which fixes prices and absorbs the profits.

The organization of this jobbers' combination only serves to make more plain what has been evident to thoughtful fruit growers in this state for some years past, and that is that they must in some manner control the marketing of their crops if they are to receive an adequate return for their investment and labor. The probabilities are that nothing short of the establishment by the fruit growers of this state of central distributing houses in the principal markets, controlled and operated by themselves, will solve the problem satisfactorily. This, as a matter of course, involves considerable expense, but we are confident that more than the cost of establishment and operation would be saved the first season. Such agencies could be established both for the handling of the fresh and dried fruit products of the state, and prices would be fixed by a board of directors instead of by a combination of jobbers whose interests consist in diverting all the profits of a great industry into their own coffers. Such a movement we believe to be absolutely essential on the part of the producers of fresh fruits. The producers of raisins and other dried fruits have the alternative of holding their crops in storage here and selling to actual buyers for cash.

## A SERIOUS DEFICIENCY.

According to a recent writer in Harper's Weekly nearly all the expensive cruisers built by this government lately would be almost needless for the purpose for which they were designed if actual war were in progress. The deficiency is in their lack of coal capacity, which in most of the fifteen ships styled "modern," is little more than enough to enable them to cross the Atlantic once. It will be apparent that in actual war, upon a cruise of moderate length, many of these vessels would be liable at some time to find themselves in mid-ocean with their engines powerless and themselves at the mercy of the first enemy. Furthermore, according to interpreters of international law, coal, being an indispensable requisite of modern naval warfare, could not be furnished by a neutral nation. The natural inference would be that we must establish coaling stations abroad, but the difficulty of maintaining them against an enemy is a very grave one. Altogether this appears to be a serious and unsolved question for the navy builders.

That we need an efficient navy there can be no doubt. War causes neutral nations to look to their armaments, and arouses a fighting spirit. The present war in China is creating noticeable uneasiness in Europe. Our prestige in the Orient has suffered because we have not a few formidable cruisers in the Chinese ports where American interests may need protection. These armed representatives of England, France and Germany were on hand when trouble was feared in the Chinese ports, and at Shanghai the French admiral, realizing the helpless position of the Americans, assured them of his assistance, if necessary.

Very great improvement has been made in the American navy within a decade, but there is evidently still room for improvement. It is desirable that this government should remain at peace with the rest of the world, and the surest way to effect that result is to have a navy and coast defense which do not invite attack.

It is said that Admiral Walker in his report to the senate concerning Hawaiian affairs will favor the annexation of the islands to the United States. So will be brought to the front again a question which were better at rest. That American interests in Hawaii should be guarded is clear enough, but it seems equally clear that annexation is not the policy that should be adopted to attain that end. A hybrid Kanaka-Chinese-Japanese population would not be a desirable addition to the citizenship of this country. Moreover a half dozen small islands 2100 miles from the nearest United States seaport would, as a part of this nation, be a constant menace to its safety. At present ours is a compact country, of which each part is in touch with all parts, and defense is as easy a matter as it could be with great isolation. The annexation of the Hawaiian Islands would alter this, and the necessary expense of being prepared to protect them at all times would be greater than any return which the islands could possibly make. The compactness of the republic should be maintained as a safeguard, and accordingly the annexation of any distant territory would be a step in a wrong direction.

## GOOD TEMPLARS MEET.

Four New Lodges Formed Since the Election.

The Seventh District Lodge, I.O.G.T., met in semi-annual session yesterday at Nichols hall. The district includes the counties of Fresno, Kern, Tulare, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and Mariposa.

The meeting was called to order by H. L. Kuhn of Cottonwood, Merced county.

Grand Chief Templar, Rev. W. M. Woodward of Watervale, was called to the chair. The report of the superintendent of missions was read showing that Kings county will be under local prohibition after January 1st, and that Tulare is preparing for a contest on the same line. Four new lodges have been organized in the district since the election.

A special session will be held at 1:30 p.m. today, when the district degree will be conferred.

## Railroad Lands Forfeited.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The President has issued a proclamation for the sale of United States certain lands in the Sioux reservation in South Dakota, which have been owned by the Chicago, Milwaukee &amp; St. Paul railroad under an agreement between the Sioux Indians and the company. The company to construct a line of road within three years from date of the agreement.

Glimpses of America, Nov. 1 to 20 inclusive, now ready at The Republican office.

LAST DAY'S SESSION  
of the State Farmers' Alliance  
Meeting.

OAKLAND, December 7.—The last day's session of the State Farmers' Alliance opened with the installation of the officers elected last evening. President Roberts of the A.R.U. then addressed the convention, explaining the condition of many of the members since they have been thrown out of employment.

The report of the committee on resolutions was then adopted. The report affirms the allegiance of the alliance to the principles enunciated in "Oala Demands," opposes the currency measure proposed by President Cleveland and proposed by the Riley funding bill and demands that the government shall foreclose the mortgages on Pacific railroads, bid them in, and operate them in the interest of the people; that the government shall enforce it claims against persons and estates of persons who were stockholders when these debts were contracted; opposing government to the Nicaragua canal unless the water way be owned and operated by the government, and opposing legislation which deprives people of the right to govern the liquor traffic.

The most important resolution opposes the construction of competing railroads, holding that material relief can be furnished only through government ownership and operating of railroads.

## CARLISLE'S PLAN

OF CURRENCY REFORM CHARAC-  
TERIZED AS PREPOSTEROUS.A New York Banker Submits a Sub-  
stitute to the Chamber of  
Commerce.

## TWICE SAVED.

Attempted Murder of an Informant  
Against Train Robbers.

LOS ANGELES, December 7.—Two attempts have been made on the life of Charles E. Etzler, informant against the Roscoe train robbers. It says money has been repeatedly offered him to leave the country. On Wednesday night some unknown men got him drunk and assaulted him, but he was rescued after a bad beating. Last night he was made drunk again, put to bed and the gas turned on. During the night the occupant of the next room defected escaping gas and turned it off.

## SHOT BY WHITE CAPS

A KENTUCKY MAN ABUSES HIS  
FAMILY.The Reds have the Permission  
of the Government.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., December 7.—Dispatches received here today announce that eleven boxes of arms and ammunition have been received at Thor, 10 miles west of here, shipped by Governor West of Utah. Settlers are arming and propose to move against the Indians in San Juan county and drive them back over the Colorado line.

DECEMBER, December 7.—There is a feeling at military headquarters in this city that if the governor of Utah intends to arm settlers and cowboys in Southwestern Utah to drive out the Ute Indians who are pasturing ponies and cattle in San Juan county, there will be a first-class rumpus. Military authorities here hold that the Indians have a right to their country, and it is likely, should trouble arise, that troops will be sent down from Fort Logan to protect the Indians.

The officers are looking for orders quite soon if the report telegraphed last night from Salt Lake be true. In effect it was stated that Colonel E. W. Tallock, of the territorial militia, has started for San Juan county, Utah, with 100 carbines and 1000 rounds of ammunition, which will be placed in the hands of the citizens who are threatened by an invasion of Ute Indians from Colorado.

Colonel Tallock, adjutant general of the department of Colorado, said today that the Indians here instructions from Washington to occupy the country now being used by them, and the settlers and the cowboys have no right there whatever. The government will, it is thought, support the Indians in the position they have assumed.

SALT LAKE, December 7.—Governor West today received the following dispatch from General McCook at Denver: "I have ordered Lieutenant Colonel Larson, inspector general of this department, to proceed at once to Montello and Blue mountains to investigate and report on the condition of Indian affairs."

Governor West left tonight for Montello for a conference with Lieutenant Colonel Larson.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

## MORSE.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The house spent an hour today in consideration of the bill to protect forest reservations. The remainder of the day was occupied in further discussion of the railroad pooling bill. The debate was participated in by Messrs. Bellott of New York, Cochran of New York and Wise of Virginia, in support, and Messrs. Bryan of Nebraska and Northway of Ohio in opposition to the bill.

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## THE LOTTERY CASE.

Judge Crichton Says Blame Does  
Not Rest on Him.

W. D. Crichton, justice of the peace,

says that the article in The Republican

relative to the trial of the Chinese lottery case did him an injustice. He says he was not to blame for the failure of the defendant to plead, it being one of those oversights which sometimes occur in the best regulated courts.

The Judge also complains that a wrong

was done to him in the following paragraph in the article:

"The attorneys for the defendant went

out into the hall, and presently one

called Judge Crichton out. He re-

turned shortly, and said that under the

law he must instruct the jury to acquit

the defendant.

He explained that he did not leave the

court room to speak with the attorney

for the defense, but to see E. D. Ed-

wards, with whom he had business rela-

tive to another matter.

## ONE YEAR EACH.

The Collis Car Burglars Plead  
Guilty.

In Judge Harris' court yesterday

Daniel Hart, George Miller and James

Dish pleaded guilty to the crime of

burglary, and were sentenced to the

penitentiary for one year each, Hart

and Miller going to San Quentin, and

Dish to Folsom.

These are the men who broke into a

car at Collis and helped themselves to

boot, hat, clothes and other wearing

apparel, besides having several boxes

of prize coffee, hunting for the money in

them, and scattering the coffee over the

car. They were caught on afterwards by Sheriff Scott and his deputies.

## RAILROAD LANDS FORFEITED.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The

President has issued a proclamation for

feting the United States certain lands

in the Sioux reservation in South Da-

kota, which have been owned by the

Chicago, Milwaukee &amp; St. Paul railroad

under an agreement between the Sioux

Indians and the company.

The company to construct a line of road

within three years from date of the agree-

ment.

Glimpses of America, Nov. 1 to 20 in-

clusive, now ready at The Republican

office.

## GROWERS MUST ORGANIZE

And now the Chicago and New York

jobbers in California fruits have orga-

nized a trust, and are going to exclude

all buyers from the auction rooms who

do not belong to the combination.

There can be but one meaning in this

action. It is a plain declaration that

the jobbers intend to fix the prices of

fruit so that there will be more in it for

themselves. Open competition in the

auction rooms results, evidently, in

arranging their schemes for deceiving

the growers, to the extent which is de-

sirable to them, and they propose to

eliminate all competition that is not

governed by their dictation. When the

market justifies it the producer will be

allowed to make a certain per cent of

profit, and no more. The jobbers will

virtually fix the prices and divide the

proceeds.

## CARLISLE'S PLAN

OF CURRENCY REFORM CHARAC-  
TERIZED AS PREPOSTEROUS.

A New York Banker Submits a Sub-

stitute to the Chamber of

Commerce.

## TWICE SAVED.

Instead, he was arrested for selling land,

## THE MONTEREY ROAD

To be Completed Within a Year.

STATEMENT BY COLONEL JONES

Work of Construction to be Continued Next Week—Large Force to be Employed.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.—Colonel A. W. Jones, president of the Monterey and Fresno railroad, is at the tick. He says an ordinance now before the Monterey trustees in regard to the water front will be passed next Tuesday, when work on the railroad towards Fresno will be resumed. By January 15th a large force will be employed, and the president thinks the entire distance of 102 miles should be completed in a year. Nine miles of the road are ready for the ties now. "Monterey is going to be a very important commercial place," said he. "They may talk about it being a residence town merely, but it will be much more than this. The old town is looking up even now very considerably."

## SEVERE STORM.

The Opposite of the Weather Bureau's Advices.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.—The storm which broke over Central California tonight was the most severe of the season. The weather bureau announced that the weather today would be of a clearing kind, but it proved the opposite and seemed to storm harder even than yesterday.

At 7 o'clock this evening the wind was blowing fifty miles an hour from the southeast. Thunder and lightning added wildness to the storm and for a time it looked as if a real eastern thunder storm had broken out.

When weather observer Hammond discovered this morning that the new storm was about to sweep the parts of the state in its usual beltline to that effect for the benefit of shipping interests, and to stir up some of the vessels which would have left the harbor are moored safely at their wharves.

So far no great damage has been reported as the result of the storm. It is said that at one time, 15 of an inch of rain fell within five minutes.

Further storming is predicted for tomorrow.

## CROOKED POLITICIANS

Indicted by the Stanislaus County Grand Jury.

MOONLIGHT, December 7.—The grand jury took a recess this afternoon until March 5, 1895, after having been in session five days. Three indictments were found for attempted felony under the purity election law. Two men, Abe McLean and Frost Farmer are now under arrest, being unable to furnish \$2000 bail. The third arrest has not yet been made. Several minor recommendations about county affairs were made. Experts were appointed to examine the books.

## BLOWN FROM A TRAIN.

A Merchant Carried From the Platform by the Wind.

SACRAMENTO, December 7.—Ben Charmanak, a Woodland merchant, left on the train for home tonight. Charmanak started from the emperor to the passenger coach, and was blown off the platform by the gale. His fall was noticed and the train stopped, but Charmanak could not be found. The engine and crew cleared to search for him. Charmanak is delicate, and if not killed outright could not long withstand exposure to the cold rain.

## HELD TO ANSWER.

A Deputy Registrar of Elections in Trouble.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.—Louis Steinberg, deputy registrar of elections, who is charged with having feloniously induced August Gutman to register illegally from the Baldwin hotel previous to the recent elections, was held this afternoon to stand trial in the superior court. Steinberg is the fourth man to be held on criminal charges resulting from the recent election.

## ENGLISH COACHES

Between the Palace Hotel and Menlo Park.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.—The Burlingame club is arranging to put on a public coach running three times a week between the Palace hotel, this city, and Menlo Park, with Burlingame as the half way station. Two coaches have been ordered and are now on their way from England. The coach will be run in same style as that between New York and Philadelphia, maintained by the Philadelphia Four-in-hand club.

## THE CITICULTURAL COMMISSION.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.—The third semi-annual meeting of the board of state citicultural commissioners was held today. George West, I. De Turk and H. W. Crabb were appointed a committee to secure changes in the state law concerning pure wines. An effort will also be made to secure the adoption by congress of a bill permitting the blending and bottling of brandy in bond. It is proposed to establish a cafe and exhibit of California wines in New York.

## SAN FRANCISCO RACES.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.—Six furlongs—Patriot, Major Ban, Headstrong, Time 1:36. Seven furlongs—Cadmus, Enthusiast, Watters Drop Dead, Time 1:36. Five furlongs—Claquer, Goldbug, Körner, Time 1:07½. Five furlongs—Three Forks, Hanford, Sir Goghal, Time 1:07½. One mile—Realization, Brawscot, Hyd. Time 1:32.

## HORSEMAKERS FAIL.

HENDERSON, Ky., December 7.—Shelby &amp; Sasser, proprietors of the Henderson horse mill, assigned liabilities estimated at \$63,000, and it is hardly thought their assets will pay over 50 cents on the dollar of their indebtedness. The mill is one of the largest and best equipped in the country.

## GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

DALLAS, Tex., December 7.—By the explosion of a gasoline stove on which Mrs. David Polasky was cooking dinner today, her clothing and that of her 1-year-old child was set on fire, and both burned to death. M. Watson, in an effort to save them, was dangerously exposed.

## HATCH NOT GUILTY.

WONDERLAND, December 7.—The jury in the Hatch murder case this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty after returning out half an hour. The first ballot stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction, an agreement being reached on the third ballot.

## THE OLD WOOD GATHERER.

I see her daily rolling past my door  
On slow, uncertain feet,  
Her hands are clasped with the frayed three  
score  
Boughs which many have scattered since of  
you  
Life's budding spring was sweet.Her quiet face is patient and serene.  
Time's plowshare has cut deep  
Across these hollow cheeks, wherein is seen  
No trace of crimson roses that had been  
Before he learned to weep.For he had already learned that Phys-  
Hil did as she chose, and the cynical car-  
penter was indulgently mild in his own  
spouse. It was contrary to his disinter-  
est for the girl not to go to church.  
But not religious, there remained all the  
mild excitement of new bonnets, village  
gossip, the esoter of a favored beau,  
protracted meetings that differed little  
from picnics, all that made up the es-  
tate of village intercourse. And if he  
remembered with pain his uncle's gloomy  
enthusiasm he had never thought of his  
young mother except as religious. He  
had fancied that if she had lived to sing  
hymns to him in the dusk or hear his  
prayers, like other mothers, he would  
have been very different. That image  
of his mother had a sacred light about  
it, and he said to himself that he did  
not like Phyllis' curious indifference to  
religion. But her wonder kept the idea  
of her continually in his mind, and what  
more favorable conditions could be  
found for the growth of thought into  
something more poignant?In this speculative mood he walked  
often by their house and hung over the  
gate and chatted with Mr. Faunce and  
Phyllis on the porch. One evening he  
was invited to tea. The father was  
a shrewd man, who talked sensibly, and  
Thomas was glad to have him as a  
counselor. Yet Thomas did not alto-  
gether like her mirth or rather its  
source.The fair-haired maid dreamt at her work no  
longer on weary feet,  
A bent old woman, wheeling past my door  
The wood she gathers for her winter's store.  
She was wandering through the street.O woman's heart that beats within that  
breast,  
Forgive the glimmer too bold!  
Forgive the gentle hand and passing jest  
At poverty that rolls him up of rest,  
God's blessing to the old!The way was long and hard, but near its end  
Tomorrow that may wear  
The poor old man's that death can lead,  
And, poor and young, may find at last a  
friend.

The silent grief to share. —Curtis May.

## TOM AND PHYLLIS.

The inhabitants of a small village—I  
need not call it by name, for there are  
many such—were thrown into a state  
of lively interest by the arrival of Jim  
Farmer's partner, Jim, as postmaster,  
storekeeper and bachelor, was the object  
of much speculation, and his partner  
naturally shared the house. Thomas  
Stokes, the partner, was soon found to  
be a kind hearted young fellow, ready  
to help in a hard job and to a certain  
point easily imposed on, which is attractive  
to people who wish to ingratiate. A  
shadow, however, rested upon him. It was  
discovered that he did not go to  
church or prayer meetings or even to  
the Christmas tree of the Sunday school.  
It was well known that he never gambled  
or drank or swore, but he might have  
been dull and stood higher with the  
publicly inclined than by remaining so  
oblivious in the matter of chargin.In fact, such easily understood faults  
would rather have given him an agree-  
able flavor as a difficult courtier. It would  
have been enough to blight all social  
instincts in even a bolder man.Bathers he was often in the kitchen  
as in the parlor, and Phyllis never stopped  
her work for him, even if she were  
polishing the stove or scrubbing the  
floor. Thomas was himself under these  
circumstances, and all his latent possi-  
bilities of good company were stirred  
into life. Phyllis, in a white gown on a  
sunshiny afternoon, was nice to look at,  
but Phyllis in the kitchen at work, her  
face a little flushed, her pretty arms  
bent to the elbow, her hair tossed into  
shining ripples and waves, was char-  
ming!Thomas was not sufficiently analytic  
to perceive all the fine shades of this  
public misgiving, but he knew it was not  
like the other young men in the vil-  
lage and felt that he was lonely.During one of his visits he noticed  
that Phyllis somehow seemed different.  
She was disinterested and uninterested.  
The contagion of her mood touched  
him, and he had stopped talking, when  
she turned from her work with an  
abrupt remark:

"Naunie was here today."

Thomas waited.

"She talked a good deal about you.

She said you had been flirting with  
Sally Stevens, and she thought it was  
a shame. You used to be downright  
good friends, and now you never went  
there."Phyllis' head was turned away, but  
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The Goods in this Department must be closed out before the Holidays, and will be if we are compelled to use every effort in our power to accomplish that result.

**Fine Astrachan Capes!** **Fine Black Coney Capes!**  
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**Jackets, Revers and Prince Alberts**

The prices are fixed with the end in view of closing these goods out before the Holidays, no matter what their cost.

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Hats trimmed for the Holidays in the Latest Styles and Finest Materials at the Lowest Prices.

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White Undressed Musquetaires, extra long shoulder length, every pair warranted at prices never before sold, \$2.50.

White Undressed Musquetaires, fully 20 inches in length, every pair guaranteed; price that will surprise them all, \$1.75.

Foster's 7-shant Dress Kid in cream and Pearl with black stitching, and black with white stitching. By far the handsomest glove we have ever shown; price \$1.50.

Dream Kid Gloves, \$1.50. The Kid glove we have had for the past 2 or 3 years, and we can assure you it is the best glove ever shown for the money. Sold in San Francisco for \$1.75; we sell them for \$1.50.

Foster, Paul & Co.'s Hook Glove in black brown, tan and oxblood. Standard \$1.

RIBBONS—All silk in Nos. 7, 9, 12, 16, at the low figure of 10 a yard.

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Stamped Scarfs, two yards long, 25c each.

Stamped Table Covers, one yard square in all colorings to work, 50c each.

Linen Fringe in all shades, four inches deep, 16c a yard.

Pon Pon Fringe in all shades, something new 16c a yard.

Our stock of Linens and Stamped Goods would surprise anyone familiar with San Francisco assortments.

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Remember, We will fit your Gloves and Guarantee Every Pair. WE CLAIM TO BE FIRST IN THIS LINE.

## DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

100 Pieces Japanese Silk, 26 inches wide, all shades, regular 75c goods.

During the Holidays we will clear them out at 50c.

200 Pieces Nine Silk Velvet in all shades, worth \$1.25 to \$1.50. Will be sold at \$1.

50 Pieces Fine Eiderdown in solid colors. Will be sold at 35c a yard.

50 Pieces Novelty Dress Goods, well worth 40c, must go at 25c a yard.

## LACE CURTAINS.

Large and Elegant Assortment in New Designs.

50 Pairs of \$5 and \$6 Curtains to be sold at the low figure, \$4.

200 Pairs of Irish Points reduced to \$5 and \$7, former price \$7 to \$9. Besides above our stock contains many of the cheaper grades which will be sold at correspondingly low prices.

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In Plush and Tapestry. An acceptable Christmas present. We are showing a beautiful assortment ranging in price from \$1 to \$5.

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In addition we carry at all times Table Sets, Cloths and Napkins, in plain white, white with colored borders, and in various delicate shades; a line complete in the staples every day in the year, but to which, to accommodate the Holiday trade, we have added in NOVELTIES until it is surprisingly beautiful and well worthy of your best attention.

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NAPKINS—16 to 27 inches—\$1 to \$3.50 per dozen. Large assortment.

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Now that we are daily receiving large shipments of Clothing, Furnishings and Hats direct from the largest Eastern Manufacturers, we are able to place on sale the following goods at the extremely low figures.

500 Men's all-wool tweed suits, all styles and sizes, at \$8.50, regular value \$13.50.

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1,000 Pairs Men's all-wool Pants, 50 different styles, at \$2 per pair, worth \$3 and \$4 per pair.

100 Cases Men's Fine Fur Hats in all styles at \$1 each, worth \$2.

500 Dozen fleece-lined Driving Gloves at 45c, worth 75c.

500 Dozen fleece-lined Dress Gloves at \$1, worth \$1.50.

100 Cases all-wool Shirts and Drawers at \$1 each worth \$1.50.

250 Dozen Men's half-wool Shirts and Drawers a 50c each, worth 75c.

100 Dozen Men's Heavy Cotton Shirts and Drawers at 25c each, worth 50c.

100 Cases Men's Winter Overshirts at 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c each.

We take pleasure in announcing that the above are but a few of the many new goods we are receiving, and that the prices on all our goods are in proportion to the above mentioned.

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Something Worth Telling Away for Future Reference—Hundreds of Blanks.

From Friday's Daily.

In this issue of The REPUBLICAN will be found a table by precincts of the vote cast at the late election in this county for all the county officers, and for governor, congressmen, senator and assemblymen. The election was held some time ago, and great pains have been taken to see that no errors exist in this table. It has been compared, figure by figure, with the official record in the office of the supervisors, and it is given to the public with the belief that it contains no mistakes. Many persons desire to file the paper away for future reference when the next campaign opens.

There are many things about the returns which the table does not show, and many comparisons and deductions which the average reader has not the leisure to make for himself. Some of these will be found in this column.

The vote, which is given in this table, is not a fair measure of the relative strength of the various political parties in the county. By that, we mean that we would see that the county is Democratic, as Bud's majority is 103, while, as a matter of fact, the Republican state officers, on an average, carried the county by over 203 majority. This will show for itself in the following vote for each state officer, except governor, in this county.

RELECTANT GOTHERN.

S G Millard, R. .... 2038

W T Jeter, D. .... 2154

J J Gregg, P. .... 2026

C H Dunn, Pro. .... 226

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L H Brown, R. .... 2304

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M Meagher, Q. .... 1883

John S Dore, P. P. .... 2317

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W F Fitzgerald, R. .... 2227

A H Paris, D. .... 1983

## MONTEREY ROAD.

Work to Begin From Both Ends.

## COLONEL JONES INTERVIEWED

He Offers a Suggestion to the Raisin Growers of Fresno.

From Saturday's Daily.

The announcement was made a few days ago that the Monterey & Fresno railroad, which has been resting for some time, is soon to be taken up again and pushed to completion. Colonel A. W. Jones, who is president of the road, or rather of the proposed road, is in Fresno, his business here being with L. L. Cory, the attorney for the company. A few small matters are being arranged, the chief of which is an extension for two years of the time in which the road is to be completed. This is to be done by the town trustees of Monterey who had given certain valuable franchises in connection with the water front on condition that the road should be completed by July 1, 1895. The delay due to the business depression in the country rendered it impossible to complete the road by that time, and the Monterey trustees will not extend the time two years more. This extension is expected to be perfected in a few days.

Colonel Jones was at the Hughes Hotel last evening as a California reporter, his statement is that the road is not to be built with but little more delay. When work begins, it will be within a few weeks, it will be not only at the western end of the line, but at the Fresno end also. The corps of engineers will be put on the survey here as soon as all is ready, and then the exact location of the line will be made. When that is done the people of this county will be called upon for the bonus and the right of way which have been promised.

Colonel Jones will go East as soon as he arranges the affairs of the road here, and when he returns he expects it to be with all things ready for beginning work. When it begins the completion of the road will be reached without any unnecessary delay. The work done between Monterey and Salinas has been of the most substantial kind. The road bed is made for nine miles, and considerable other work is done. Within thirty days from the time work begins on that section, the road bed can be made ready for the tie between Monterey and Salinas.

Colonel Jones has lately been in the East, and from his dealings with the leading business men he has learned the callent opportunities for assisting the salient features of the road and others on the business situation. "It is not only encouraging but assuring," said he. "Everything points to improvement. There has already been much change for the better. The worst is now clearly in the past. It will take some time for business to pick up and for all departments to feel the change for the better, but it is coming, and there is no doubt of it. Business men in the East no longer have any doubts. They look for a golden era of prosperity times, such as this country has seldom or never known."

Although Colonel Jones is here only on the railroad business, he has given much attention to the raisin situation, and is firm in his conviction that the growers of raisins would follow the proper course; they would get a good price for their goods. But they must sell their raisins in California or let them be here and rot. Colonel Jones insists on this point, and says the buyers must come after the raisins and the raisins must not go after the buyers.

He cites as a parallel case the orange growers of Florida, who had just the trouble that the raisin growers have. They sent their fruit to market and ways had trouble about the pay, and to sum it up they made a loss. They forsook the market and had a fund received in payment for stock, and they established a road that oranges were to be sold in Jacksonville, Fla., and no place else. Buyers must come there to get them or do without them.

The first year the buyers held back and refused to come. They thought they could force the orange growers into sending their goods north as before. But the game failed. They held their oranges and let them rot. This was as cheap as to send them to market and get nothing for them. It also brought the buyers to time. The next year, bought the oranges and paid them, and ways had trouble about the pay, and to sum it up they made a loss. They forsook the market and had a fund received in payment for stock, and they established a road that oranges were to be sold in Jacksonville, Fla., and no place else. Buyers must come there to get them or do without them.

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Colonel Jones says that the raisin growers can do the same thing if they will; but there must be no compunction about it. It must be strictly business. The growers must agree to sell their raisins in Fresno, or let them be here and rot. This will bring buyers, for there is a demand for the goods. But, as long as there is a rush and a scramble to run raisins into every market, and to sacrifice and slaughter them, nothing will come here to buy them.

## A FRATERNAL VISIT.

Fresno Rehebaks Assist the Sanger Lodge.

About thirty-five members of the Fresno Rehebaks lodge paid a visit to the Sanger Rebekahs lodge Friday evening. The occasion was the initiation of more new member into the Sanger Lodge. The degree was conferred according to the ritualistic work of the business section. The Sanger Lodge entertained the visitors with a delightful social gathering. The members from Fresno took the occasion to present Miss Emma Miller, who is now a member of the Sanger Lodge, and who was the first Noble Grand of the Fresno Lodge, with a jewel in the form of a Past Noble Grand's pin. The emblems of the order were beautifully wrought in pink and green on a gold background. A five pointed star was suspended by three links from a crescent shaped bar.

The members who were invited into the Sanger Lodge were Mrs. Beulah Lorenz, Miss J. Burns, Mrs. J. P. Burns, Lucy W. Kiener, Mrs. A. Rogers, Georgia Garrison, Mrs. V. Goss, Georgia M. Galley, Louise Rose, Flora Ford, B. L. McNab, Nellie King, Maser, Kit, Morgan, Stevens, Naber.

## Safe From Molestation.

Fresno's police headquarters is located in a place pretty safe from molestation. It is in the city clerk's office on the upper floor of the city hall. On the telephone directory no such name as the police headquarters appears. When an officer is telephoned for, the city clerk's telephone is used by those who know that it is in the headquarters.

A few days of warm sunshine would now be welcome.

## GRIFFIN &amp; SKELLEY CO.

## THEIR SIDE OF THE RAISIN CONTROVERSY.

## Emphatic Denial That They Cut Prices—An Investigation Recommended.

evidence to be submitted to an arbitration committee of raisin growers, one member to be appointed by each side, the third by the two, the final decision to be made on or before January 1, 1895. This now resolves the matter into a case of "put up or shut up." Yours truly,

GRIFFIN & SKELLEY CO.

A BOLD, BAD BOY.

He Stands a Good Chance of Going to Whittier.

Arthur Bradley, a 12-year old boy, whose parents live in Belmont addition, has earned a reputation for clean cut, rampant hoodlumism which would have brought tears of envy to the eyes of the young rascals for whom, only two short years ago, Chris Evans was a demigod and John Sontag a martyr.

Young Arthur was the interesting subject of a complaint before the Board of Supervisors yesterday morning. The complaint was that by reason of his savage conduct this 12-year old child had been a terror to the neighborhood.

Then an effort was made to get Judge Webb to commit him, but the Judge decided to give the boy another chance.

If reports are true, there is no chance for the better. Young Arthur recently gashed one boy's face with a piece of glass and threatened all manner of dire trouble to an industrious little fellow of his own age if he did not quit peddling newspapers and thereby earning an honest living. The neighbors assert that there is no hope of reforming this boy, for he is a natural born scoundrel.

It is said that the boy is one of the gang of lads who prepared to hold up a train on the Polkay road two years ago, about the time when Evans and Sontag were in the mountains, and when to be a bandit was the highest goal of youthful ambition. Among other things further charged against young Arthur is that he recently went about among the boys in his neighborhood with a loaded revolver and threatened to shoot any one who interfered with him.

A complaint was filed in the district attorney's office, and the would-be bold bandit of Belmont will have one more chance to mend his ways within the walls of Whittier.

## OLEANDER NEWS.

## Passing Events in a Prosperous Community.

The grain farmers of this vicinity will all start in plowing after the rain has stopped.

Walter Holman has returned to his native state, Nevada, after a long visit to Whittier.

E. Hawley has gone to San Francisco to spend the Christmas holidays.

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## THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

Gossip on Various Local Themes.

## LIVING PICTURES FOR FRESNO

A Threnody—Foreclosure of Mortgages—Deputy Mystery Unsolved.

In the office of a local hotel yesterday a little knot of men engaged in conversation. Of the number was a man of perhaps 50 years, robust, substantial and at all times loquacious. His are the words that follow:

"I notice," he said, "in yesterday's Republican, that the people of Los Angeles are taking an interest in building a competing railroad from the San Joaquin valley to that city. Now of course I am not a resident of Fresno, but I do live in Central California and I am interested in the welfare of this part of the state, and I want to advise you if you would further your own interest to take Los Angeles at her word and quit tampering with San Francisco. You can't galvanize life into a corpse, and that is what you must do if you would obtain activity from the big city at the

"Compare the two cities, sir. I know them well, and I tell you that Los Angeles is alive, all alive, while mortification has set in on San Francisco. There are enterprizes and action in Los Angeles, a combination of the best and the odor of the most ineffable bad character in the central California metropolis. If the southern city concluded to help you to secure a railroad she will do it; if you wait for the northern city to assist you, Gabriel when he comes with his trumpet will find you anxiously awaiting the result of the latest subscription paper circulated at the bay. With 20 percent of San Francisco's population, Los Angeles has about 2000 times her energy. Don't expect anything of the big city; nothing but dead men's bones come out of cemetery vaults."

So the oratorian sat at the local hotel. Was there need of an audience? And I say, why not look to the southward for our railroad Messiah?"

I am not an adherent of the party which has not yet recovered from the paralysis that struck it when it ascertained that it had actually elected James H. Budd to the gubernatorial chair, and this during the reign of Grover the Fisher. I am not a member of that party, I say, but not the last I take pleasure in giving the outline of a true story which will show the next governor of California in the light of his phases.

A friend of mine is a purist of the ability, considerable energy and fair repose among the men of his party. During the campaign he worked at best, he might for the election of J. V. Webster, and strenuously insisted that the election of either Estee or Budd by the voters would mean downfall and ruin for the state. He was honest about it, too, but he has changed his mind now, and thereby hangs the tale.

After the election this friend of mine was in trouble. Never mind what the trouble was. It was not of a political nor financial nature, and that is enough for you to know. He came to me for help, who could not give to him. Then I suggested to him that he go to James H. Budd and tell his story to him.

"But," said he, "he knows that I am a Populist, and worked against him in the campaign."

"Go, just the same," I said. He went and told his sorrowful story to Mr. Budd. The latter listened, and the big heart of him responded. Busy as he was and crowded for time by the rush of office-seekers, he found hours in which he could be of some substantial service, was then I can tell you. He found time and gave aid, and at length, proved himself to be that which Jim Budd's friends say Jim Budd is, a man of heart and soul.

"But," you say, "this will not necessarily make him a good governor." Well, you may be right, and I am not here to pronounce a Democratic oration, anyway, but I was permitted to say that, even at the state capital, I think the sweet flowers of human sympathy and kindness will not blossom entirely in vain, and James H. Budd will take something of them and their fragrance with him wherever he goes.

If the fools were all dead of course most of us would sleep under the growing grasses of this California winter; so we will devoutly pray that no such consummation may be attained, and I will lit up my voice with the loudest of you. Nevertheless there are some fools who are so innocent with their imbecility, whose idiocy is of a resonant kind that it is a pity that the fool forever overlooks them. Let me add, however, Take that one at the blind Tom, entombed in the other right, for instance. His hair was of a mild cinnamon color; his complexion was florid, and he wore a No. 67 hat principally occupied by skull (when he had it on). He sat about midway to the front of the dress circle, and during the finest numbers given by the remarkable musician his sonorous bray was in constant evidence. Perhaps he had been drinking, "I know," but that would be no excuse. He has no right to drink, for he needs all of that modicum of brains with which the Almighty endowed him. He has no gray matter that he can afford to dedicate to Bacchus.

He had the advantage of an audience for a large portion of his whistling and sprucive audience; he obtruded his obnoxious self on decent people, and he ought to have been suppressed.

The horse reporter submits the following, which he says is a threnody that ought to sell at \$1 to 1 in the pools. When I asked him about what threnody was, he said he thought the city editor was calling and immediately left. Here is the effusion:

Dear Lord, 'tis not for will you? Nor knowledge like you, nor skill, Nor learned words of thanksgiving sound, Nor rest for wealth, which men above Thee. 'tis not for will you? Nor yet a wise, for teaching views, But just for news, and news, and news.

Send me news—a sorry sight, A fire to burn up the night, A horse to break his back, A last great God to know, A ruit to be broken to, A political in the lead— No, anything but a horse to break. To send me, Lord, the news, news, news.

The matter of the appointment of deputies in the recorder's and the assessor's offices does not seem to be cleared up yet. About the only rumor to be picked up so far is that Mr. MacKenzie son will be indexing deputy, and that J. H. Owen will be chief deputy. This report lacks confirmation, however.

If one will follow the court records it will be seen how great is the activity in the foreclosure of mortgages. Never, perhaps, in the history of this country have so many foreclosures been filed in so short a time, and so many judgments rendered. About one-half of them go by default, which means that those who owed the debt saw no hope of putting in any defense that would save the property, and they simply stayed away from court and let the land go.

There are foreclosures suits, and are filed in court, and are not as infrequent as one might suppose. The man who

owes the debt is pushed by the holder of the mortgage and when it comes to the pitch he sees that it will be impossible to pay; and to avoid a suit in court, he deeds the property to the man or bank which holds the mortgage, and that ends it, and the publicity of a suit in court is avoided.

By the time the people of this county get on their feet again, the real estate owners will not be the same. Many a one who has long been a tax payer will not be the same. In fact, the majority of cases those who collect debts by foreclosing mortgages, buy the property at the sale because no one else is able to buy. Thus capitalists increase their real estate holdings.

There are some suppressed whispers of curiosity concerning the "living picture" which the young ladies of the Methodist Church South are to give at their fair in Kutzner hall this evening and tomorrow evening. As a matter of fact, there is nothing more innocent than the pictures and the man who originated them is one of the most famous in American politics. The scene has gone into history and become a part of it. It was one of the memorable incidents of one of the most memorable conventions that ever assembled in America—the Chicago national Republican convention which defeated Grant and nominated Garfield. Ever since then somebody in every convention, large or small, has arisen to ask, "What are we here for?" Web Flanagan of Texas is a name that always brings up a famous question, "What are we here for?" Whether in New York, Chicago or San Francisco, that name on the hotel register always brings a crowd of people to see the man who originated one of the most famous phrases in American politics. The scene has gone into history and become a part of it. It was one of the memorable incidents of one of the most memorable conventions that ever assembled in America—the Chicago national Republican convention which defeated Grant and nominated Garfield. Ever since then somebody in every convention, large or small, has arisen to ask, "What are we here for?" Web Flanagan of Texas is a name that always brings up a famous question, "What are we here for?"

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